

This month, Rachael Palmer, BIGGA's Membership Services Officer would like to welcome 79 new members to the Association and asks if getting a photo taken for the new membership cards is causing problems.

Renewals: No photo – no problem!

British and International
 Golf Greenkeepers Association

RICHARD BARKER
 Beedles Lake Golf Club

GREENKEEPER
 Membership number XXXXX

Valid until 31 Dec 2002



Are you delaying returning your renewal form as you have still to get your photo taken?

By putting off the return of your form you could risk missing out on all the benefits of membership including receiving your monthly copy of Greenkeeper International, use of the Legal Help Line not to mention access to the members exclusive section of the website. If getting to a photo

booth is really impossible for you then you can send in your old membership card and we can reuse your photograph. Alternatively as long as you provide us with a clear picture of yourself which is approximately passport photo sized there should be no reason why we can't use it.

However if sorting out a photo is still going to take several weeks, return your green renewal to us without one and we will still be able to process your membership so that you can continue to enjoy the benefits of membership. You can then send in your photograph at a later date remembering to write your name and date of birth clearly on the back. Upon receipt of your photo we will despatch your new style plastic membership card.

Remember you only have to supply us with this one photograph and we will reprint the image onto a new card each year.

June's Membership Draw Winner



Just introduce one or more new greenkeeping members to BIGGA and your name will be placed into a draw to win a fantastic BIGGA Clock/calculator/calendar and alarm. Our

congratulations go to June's winner, Ross Wilson, of Parasampia Golf Club.

It's never too late to renew!

If your membership expired in December, January, February or March it's still not too late to renew. Just complete your renewal form and return it to the Membership Services office and we will update your membership with a new expiry date. If you have mislaid your renewal form or would like details on paying by direct debit then call Rachael Palmer on 01347 833800

BIGGA welcomes...

Scottish Region

Rory Campbell, East
 John Hamill, North
 Keith Law, North
 John MacBeth, Ayrshire
 Christopher Scott, West

Northern Region

Peter Anderson, N East
 Steven Anderson, N East
 Wayne Birks, N East
 John Edmond, Northern
 Jason Edmond, Northern
 Jordan Gibson, N East
 Michael Gumeniuk, Northern
 Mark Hastry, N East
 Michael Hodgkin, N West
 Jacob Kay, Northern
 Andrew Laird, N West
 Jason Lee, N West

Ronald Martin, N East
 Reamonn O'Neill, N Wales
 Robert Wiles, Northern
 Barry Wood, N West

Midland Region

Tony Bates, BB&O
 Sean Bilyard, Mid Anglia
 Nathan Bond, BB&O
 Mark Burniston, Mid Anglia
 Michael Farmer, BB&O
 Graham Gardner, BB&O
 Peter Goodwin, BB&O
 Stuart Harding, Mid Anglia
 Daniel James, E of England
 Danny Jones, BB&O
 Gregg O'Brien, Mid Anglia
 Simon Pigott, E of England
 Matthew Read, Mid Anglia
 Andrew Richardson, E of England
 Robert Tomkins, Mid Anglia

Roger Tustain, BB&O
 Matthew Weatherstone, BB&O
 Michael White, E Midland
 Paul White, Mid Anglia

South East Region

Nik Beasley, London
 Paul Best, Kent
 James Burton, E Anglia
 Daniel Cowley, London
 James Dalton, Essex
 Paul Durrant, E Anglia
 Andrew Garland, London
 Aaron Gumery, E Anglia
 Dale Hubbard, Essex
 Patrick Laws, Essex
 Richard Norton, E Anglia
 Stephen Parsons, Essex
 Mick Payne, Surrey
 James Rattenbury, Essex
 Peter Read, E Anglia

Neal Tregasties, Kent
 Peter Willett, E Anglia
 Robert Williams, Essex
 Alex Wilson, Surrey
 James Winner, Essex

S West/S Wales Region

Christopher Bell, S West
 Richard Carter, S West
 Michael Craddock, S Wales
 Paul Ferragut, S West
 Derek Thomson, S West
 Bobby Vining, S West

Northern Ireland

Mark Riddle

International

George Eastwood, Ireland

Finbar O'Mahony, Ireland
 Henrique Holanda, USA
 Jason Podris, USA
 Phillip Connors, Australia

Associate Members

Michael Cox, Surrey
 Brian Boyle, N Ireland

Corporate Members

Darren Clewes, Midland
 Ruth Mann, Northern

Student Members

Michael Abbott, N West
 Pebbles Burns, Essex
 Paul Staples, S Coast

Exclusive Reader Offer for BIGGA Members



BIGGA's Summer Collection

As the days get warmer and nights shorter why not treat yourself to BIGGA's summer range of branded leisurewear, perfect for wearing on the golf course.

Our model is wearing a classic polo shirt by Cutter and Buck in sunflower, which boasts reinforced seams, extra fine twill tape detailing and is generously sized for ease of movement. For extra warmth in the evenings why not team it with a navy blue slipover made of 100% lambs wool. To cope with the unpredictability of the British summer, we also offer a wind and shower proof top from Walrus Golfwear which will take care of your comfort and freedom of movement on the golf course.

All items are available from BIGGA HOUSE by calling Rachael Foster on 01347 833800.

- A** Cutter and Buck BIGGA Logo Classic Polo Shirts Available in sunflower and navy. M, L, XL or XXL available. **£29.95**
- B** Peter Scott BIGGA Logo Slipover (Navy only) Sizes 40" to 46", larger sizes available on request. **£29.95**
- C** Walrus Golfwear Wind/Shower Proof Top Available in tartan only. M, L and XL available. **£15.00**
- D** Slazenger Baseball Caps Available in khaki with a light blue peak. One size fits all. **£12.95**

All prices include postage and packing

How well do you know the people who work for the Association?

In this new series we give you a chance to learn a little more about a member of BIGGA's Headquarters staff



Sami Collins

Name: Samantha (Sami) Collins

Position: Education and Training Administrator

What does your role involve? Organising delegates attendance at Continue to Learn and BTME; Regional Training; Golf Environment Competition; Toro Student of the Year Award; running CPD scheme and Master Greenkeeper Certificate

How long have you worked for the Association? Nine years

Where were you born and brought up? Born in Edinburgh, brought up in Harrogate, with a year living in the USA when I was 17.

Where did you work before you joined BIGGA? I can't remember it was so long ago! (a computer company).

What are your hobbies? Going to concerts, the movies, travelling and reading trashy novels.

What is your favourite food? Mexican. It's spicy and you get tequila

What is your favourite film? Can I have a top five in no particular order? 1. Some Kind of Wonderful; 2. All the President's Men; 3. JFK; 4. Almost Famous; 5. High Fidelity.

What was the last book you read? I don't know the title, but it was trashy!

Who is your all time hero? John Lennon

What was the best event you've ever attended? Journey (my favourite band) at Red Rock Amphitheater, Colorado (my favourite venue)

What is your claim to fame? (None not acceptable) Was good friends with Hugo Speer (the Lunchbox from The Full Monty) at college